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Classified By: Ambassador for reasons 1.4(a,b,d).

¶1. (C) Ambassador delivered reftel talking points on the Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA) to Foreign Minister Borys Tarasyuk during a May 17 farewell call. Tarasyuk promised to review the issue carefully and to pay personal attention to it. He observed that the current Ukrainian government had been interested in making "a rather substantial contribution" to peacekeeping operations in Sudan. The Ukrainian government, however, had run into difficulties in implementing this objective due to the inability or unwillingness of the previous parliament (Rada) to support the Ukrainian Cabinet's proposals. Tarasyuk said he hoped the next Rada would be more cooperative, since he wanted Ukraine to maintain the good reputation that it enjoyed in Washington.

¶2. (SBU) We delivered reftel demarche at the working level to Andriy Beshta from the MFA United Nations directorate May 23. Beshta indicated that the GOU supported both the DPA and the UN Security Council Resolution calling for re-hatting the African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS) to a UN peacekeeping force. Beshta said that Ukraine was looking at how to support both the AU and UN peacekeeping forces in whatever way possible. Beshta said he could not give a specific response about Ukraine's participation in the proposed Darfur donors conference, but would contact us when he had more information.

¶3. (U) Visit Embassy Kiev's classified website:
www.state.sgov.gov/p/eur/kiev.

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